

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1-48 are now present in this application. Claims 1, 17, 33, 41, 47 and 48 are independent.

Claims 1-44 and 46-48 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

Information Disclosure Citation

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references supplied with the Information Disclosure Statements filed August 8, 2006; December 18, 2006 and April 17, 2009, and for providing Applicant with initialed copies of the PTO-SB08 forms filed therewith.

Drawings

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the drawings are accepted.

Claim Amendments

Applicant has amended the claims in order to place the claims in better form. The claim amendments are not being made in response to any statutory requirement for patentability, and have not been narrowed in scope. Instead, the claims have been amended merely to recite the subject matter therein more clearly.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 32 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

Claims 32 and 46 have been amended to recite a "computer readable storage medium." Support for this amendment can be found in the specification, inter alia, at page 15, lines 14-21.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 1-31, 33-45, 47 and 48 are allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter in this application.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chris McDonald, Registration No. 41,533 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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